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1. Iwanami Suugaku Jitem, 392 "Homotopii Riron"; Nikon Suugaku Kai; 1985 pp. 1142-1151 discloses mathematical concepts relating to homotopy theory.

2. Journal des Sciences Militaires, vol IX, pp. 5-38, Jan. 1883, discloses design criteria for cryptographical systems. It states that the systems should be secure even if algorithms of the cryptography are disclosed. Such criteria are restricted to cryptographic systems.

3 Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 2002 142094 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 4 and 15 of the specification of the present application. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

4 Iwanami Mathematic Dictionary 3rd Edition, Topological Space, pp. 22-34 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.

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